

ARTICLE 24. HANDICAPPED PARKING

Section 24.1 – General Provisions

Any person of body that has control of property used as off-street parking areas for businesses, shopping malls, theaters, auditoriums, sporting or recreational facilities, cultural centers, residential dwellings, or for any other place where the public has a right of access as invitees or licenses, shall reserve parking spaces in said off-street parking areas for any vehicle owned and operated by a disabled veteran or handicapped person whose vehicle bears the distinguished license plate authorized by MGL Chapter 90, Section 2, or any other identifying sticker approved by the police chief according to the following formula:

More than 15 but not more than 25 spaces	1space
More than 25 but not more than 40 spaces	5% of such (minimum 2)
More than 40 but not more than 100 spaces	4% of such (minimum 3)
More than 100 but not more than 200 spaces	3% of such (minimum 4)
More than 200 but not more than 500 spaces	2% of such (minimum 6)
More than 500 but not more than 1000 spaces	1.5% of such (minimum 10)
More than 1000 but not more than 2000 spaces	1% of such (minimum 15)
More than 2000 but not more than 5000 spaces	.75% of such (minimum 20)
More than 5000 spaces	.5% of such (minimum 30)

Section 24.2 – Placement And Design Of Spaces

Parking spaces shall be as near as possible to a building entrance or walkway; shall be adjacent to curb ramps or other unobstructed methods permitting sidewalk access to a handicapped person; and shall be twelve (12) feet wide or two (2) eight-foot wide areas with four (4) feet of cross hatch between them.

Section 24.3 – Required Signage

Parking spaces designated as reserved under this provisions of this by-law shall be identified by the use of above grade signs with white lettering against a blue background and shall bear the words "Handicapped Parking": Special Plate Required. Unauthorized Vehicles May be Removed at Owner's Expense."

Section 24.4 – Unauthorized Parking And Obstructing Of Ramps

It shall be unlawful for any person not a disabled veteran or handicapped person to leave any vehicle or vehicles within parking areas designated for use by disabled veterans or handicapped persons as authorized in sections 24.1 and 24.2 or in such a manner as to obstruct a curb ramp designed for use by handicapped persons as a means of egress to a street or public way.

Section 24.5 – Penalties & Enforcement

The penalty for violation of Section 24.4 of this bylaw shall be fifty (50.00) dollars and the vehicle may be removed according to the provisions of MGL Chapter 266, Section 120D, as amended.

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